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1. HQS WISHES CORREND STATION RE REF PARA 5 PROGRESS.
2. HQS SUGGESTS FOLLOWING INFO MAY BE USEFUL [] FOR BOTH BROADCASTS AND POSSIBLE MAILING ANY CATHOLIC GROUP WITH WHICH HE HAS CONTACT:

"THE GUAT GOVT HAS STARTED NEW REIGN TERROR AND OPPRESSION AGAINST CATHOLIC AND OTHER ANTI-COMMIE, PRO-CHRISTIAN GROUPS WITH EXPULSION OF FATHER SEBASTIAN BUCCELLIATO, OFM, OF [] 29 YEAR OLD FATHER ARRIVED GUAT 1951 FROM FRANCISCAN MONASTERY, NY AND WAS ASSIGNED ASUNCION MITA IN GUAT. ORIGINALLY ADMITTED BY GOVT ACCORDING FORMIN TORIELLO DUE "NECESSARY INASMUCH THEY (FOREIGN PRIESTS) RELIEVE SCARCITY NATIONAL PRIESTS".

PRIEST WAS ACCUSED DISTRIBUTING ANTI-COMMIE PROP IN ASUNCION MITA AND INFLUENCING ANTI-COMMIE VOTE RECENT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS THERE, HOWEVER, PRIEST PRESENTED PROOF TO GUAT GOVT THAT HE WAS IN GUAT CITY DURING MUNICIPAL ELECTION, SAID HE NEVER

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MIXED IN POLITICS. NEVERTHELESS, GUAT GOVT DRUMMED UP CASE "ILLEGAL RESIDENCE" AND ON 29 JAN BUCCELLATO WAS HALTED BY GUAT POLICE WHILE DRIVING PICKUP TRUCK NEAR HIS PARISH. DID NOT HAVE PROPER DOCUMENTATION ON PERSON SO WAS ORDERED LEAVE TRUCK AND CLIMB IN POLICE JEEP THENCE TAKEN TO SALVADOR BORDER AND ABANDONED THERE. HE SPENT TWO DAYS IN CUSTOM HOUSES, ENTERED SAN SALV AND THERE TO NY VIA PAA.

THOUGH "SCARCITY OF NATIONAL PRIESTS" REMAINS IN GUAT, IT IS EXPECTED THAT FATHER BUCCELLATO IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF EXPULSIONS OF "ILLEGAL RESIDENTS" FROM GUAT, THUS GRADUALLY ELIMINATING OPPORTUNITY FOR GUAT CATHOLICS TO PRACTICE THEIR RELIGION. IT IS RUMORED THAT THE ARCHBISHOP OF GUAT WILL BE EXPELLED AS SOON AS COMMIES FEEL STRONG ENOUGH. IT IS ALSO INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT ALL ARRESTS, OPPRESSION MEASURES, EXPULSIONS, ETC CLOSELY FOLLOWED THE RETURN OF GUAT COMMIE LEADERS FROM TRIP MOSCOW AND OTHER IRON CURTAIN COUNTRIES.

3. STATION WILL CABLE ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS. SEND COPY SCRIPT TO HQS AND LINCOLN.

END OF MESSAGE

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